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[redacted] was interviewed via telephone. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agent and that the purpose of the interview was to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation by answering the Equivocal Death and General Assessment Questions regarding [redacted] DON WILEY. WILEY was a Harvard University professor who fell to his death from the Hernando DeSoto Bridge into the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tennessee (TN) on November 16, 2001. [redacted] then provided the following information:

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spoke with WILEY monthly from age [redacted] until she was a Junior in college, when their contact became a lot more frequent. Over the last ten years, [redacted] spoke to WILEY every couple of months via telephone, although they e-mailed each other more frequently.

last saw WILEY in June 2001, [redacted] traveled to Seattle for a conference. [redacted] did not notice any emotional or behavioral changes [redacted] during their last visit. She did notice that he had improved his eating and running regimen.

[redacted] as intelligent, respectful, funny, patient, great with children, and fun to be around. Others viewed WILEY as attentive, humble, talkative and impressive; a man who always rose to the occasion.

_____ was not aware of any stress or problems that WILEY was experiencing, although _____ did not think WILEY would have discussed them with her if he did. If WILEY had problems, he would have confided in his best friend, _____ who lives in _____. _____ has never heard _____ make suicidal statements. In fact, he talked about a lot of future travel plans in the last e-mail that he sent her.

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[redacted] has no idea how [redacted] died. She has ruled out suicide and maintains [redacted] never would have committed suicide. The accidental death theory proposed by the Medical Examiner seems absurd, but that is the theory that [redacted] wants to believe. [redacted] could not imagine anything but an accident or random act of violence. The random act of violence seems unlikely, because his wallet was found on his body, and there was no other evidence.

[redacted] did not know who else investigators should talk to, but she thought it was important for investigators to know that [redacted] [redacted] suffered from a seizure disorder. [redacted] did not remember much about the seizure disorder because [redacted]

WILEY was born in Akron, Ohio and he attended high school in New Jersey. [redacted] did not know how often [redacted] moved when he was growing up. WILEY's mother worked part time as a bank teller and his father worked as a chemist. WILEY's mother died one and one half years ago of natural causes. The WILEYs were not a religious family. [redacted] did not know if one family member influenced [redacted] more than any other. WILEY maintained more contact with his parents after his divorce from [redacted]. [redacted] WILEY maintained more frequent contact with his youngest brother, [redacted] than he did with his brother [redacted] or his sister [redacted]. WILEY's close relationship with [redacted] may have been due to [redacted] close proximity to his parents home in Memphis. [redacted] could not provide any information about the relationship between WILEY and his siblings.

[redacted] described WILEY as handsome, fit, healthy and cool. WILEY's clothing and grooming habits were always cool. He would always wear fashionable glasses and clothing. WILEY lost some hair over the years and always looked younger than his age. His looks remained consistent as he aged. As a child, [redacted] recalls WILEY wearing a beard and a moustache. About two or three years ago WILEY cut his hair short and he grew a scruffy beard. [redacted] could not recall if he had facial hair during his recent visit to [redacted].

[redacted] did not remember if WILEY drank alcohol when [redacted]. Approximately two to three years ago, [redacted] WILEY traveled to Japan and [redacted] recalls WILEY drinking alcohol on the trip. However, WILEY declined a gin and tonic in June 2001 when he visited [redacted] citing his running regimen as the reason for declining the drink.

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WILEY's mental health was good; he was very alert and bright. Physically, WILEY had a recent foot injury. [redacted] recalled WILEY [redacted]

[redacted] was worried that WILEY would have [redacted]

Specifically, [redacted] was concerned [redacted]

WILEY spoke of colleagues, superiors and subordinates respectfully. WILEY's interests and hobbies included fitness, biking, skiing, reading and building models. [redacted] did not know if WILEY belonged to any groups or organizations; but if he did, [redacted] assumed they were related to science. WILEY did not embrace a structured belief system that influenced his behavior. [redacted] did not know if WILEY had friends, but believed they would belong to the scientific community if he did. [redacted] did not believe that WILEY owned his own car. He used [redacted] car. In the old days, WILEY loved driving fast and had been stopped for speeding. WILEY was comfortable financially. He had some stock that he had bought cheap, that increased in value, and then dropped in value. WILEY would always offer to pay for [redacted]

WILEY's first marriage to [redacted] ended in divorce because [redacted]

[redacted] WILEY has two children from his marriage to [redacted] to [redacted] age [redacted] and [redacted] age [redacted] WILEY and [redacted] age [redacted] and [redacted] age [redacted] WILEY was always busy during [redacted] and the quality of their relationship varied. When it was good, it was really good, and when it was bad, it was really bad. WILEY had a lot of high expectations from his children from his first marriage. By the time he adopted the children during his second marriage, he had a new appreciation for children and accepted them for who they were. WILEY frequently talked about his children.

WILEY's family made him happy, and [redacted] never saw WILEY angry. Nothing ever shook WILEY's confidence. WILEY's strengths include the fact that he was intelligent, responsible, caring, funny, handsome and charismatic. WILEY's weakness was the fact

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that he was self critical. WILEY's life successes were his kids and his Nobel prize nominations. Significant positive mood changes are caused by his children and negative mood changes are caused by people making disrespectful or negative comments. WILEY turned to [redacted] and possibly [redacted] for advice. Family is truly important to WILEY.

WILEY responds to the loss of loved ones with sadness, although he tried to remember them in happier states. He was upset by seeing close friends and family in bad states, and he always said that never should happen.

[redacted] could not comment on WILEY's sleeping patterns, prior employment, evidence of promiscuity, or whether he engaged in intimate acts that were unconventional or illegal.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] social security number [redacted]

[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed via telephone. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agent and that the purpose of the interview was to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation by answering the Equivocal Death and General Assessment Questions regarding [redacted] DON WILEY. WILEY was a Harvard University professor who fell to his death from the Hernando DeSoto Bridge into the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tennessee (TN) on November 16, 2001. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] met WILEY in 1959 when they were both students.

[redacted] WILEY [redacted]

[redacted] WILEY's alcohol consumption was also problematic in [redacted]

[redacted] and WILEY maintained a cordial relationship [redacted]

[redacted] spoke with WILEY eight to ten times per year. [redacted] last saw WILEY in May or June 2001, and she last spoke with him via telephone in October or November 2001. [redacted] did not observe any noticeable changes in WILEY's emotions or behaviors during the months preceding his death. /

[redacted] described WILEY as focused, conscientious and determined. He was a mentally centered scientist. Others also held WILEY in high regard. [redacted] was not aware of any problems or stress that WILEY was facing, however, she noted that WILEY suffered from seizures and that his mother, who was a big part of his life, died one year ago. WILEY handled his problems by focusing on them and dealing with them. He would always confront problems and go to the next level and deal with it pragmatically. However, WILEY would not confront problems if emotions were involved. [redacted] assumed that WILEY would have confided in his [redacted] and noted that he was not the type of person who

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not be certain, he believed that the group had ordered two rounds of drinks at the bar and that WILEY ordered something non-alcoholic for the last round. WILEY was in control and kept his train of thought. WILEY was wearing a suit coat and tie although [redacted] did not notice if any buttons were missing from WILEY's shirt. WILEY talked about his family coming to Memphis for the weekend and their plans to visit Graceland. WILEY did not say or do anything out of the ordinary. WILEY was not approached by anyone else in the Peabody Hotel Lobby Bar, nor did he mention having any plans for the later in the evening.

The entire group left at the same time. The group was surprised to hear WILEY say that he was going to get his car because they assumed he was staying at the hotel. WILEY explained that he was staying at his father's house in Arkansas. Prior to leaving the hotel, WILEY implied that he would see everyone the next day.

Looking back, [redacted] did not see any indicators that would have led him to believe that WILEY was planning to commit suicide. [redacted] could not speculate on where WILEY was between midnight and 4:00AM when his car was found on the Hernando-DeSoto Bridge. [redacted] did not know WILEY well enough on a personal level to determine if WILEY's behavior at the banquet or at the Peabody Lounge was uncharacteristic of him. [redacted] suggested investigators talk to [redacted] for additional information.

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Degree in Chemistry and worked as a salesman and consultant for labs. The WILEY family did not practice any religion. Both parents had an influence on WILEY's life. Mr. WILEY was aloof, but he got WILEY interested in science. Mrs. WILEY thought WILEY was a genius and she adored him. WILEY cared about all of his siblings although he did not have frequent contact with them. All of WILEY's siblings put him "on a pedestal." As a result, WILEY refused to deal with his seizures because his family held him in such high regard.

[redacted] described WILEY as thin, fit, clean cut and appealing, with a charismatic personality. WILEY was very curious, and he was always interested in meeting new people. WILEY was fastidious about his clothing and grooming style. He dressed in the color black for the last ten years of his life, and people at the lab used to laugh about it. His appearance has always been clean cut.

WILEY did not smoke and he only experimented with marijuana in the 1960's. Drugs were never an issue during WILEY's marriage to [redacted]. WILEY started drinking when he was in college and it was not a problem for him during that time. Although he usually drank in moderation, WILEY sometimes drank to excess.

[redacted] did not consider WILEY an alcoholic. She considered him a binge drinker. WILEY did not drink everyday, but when he drank, he drank a lot. Alcohol had continued to be a part of his life even [redacted]. A lot of people at WILEY's memorial service chatted about WILEY's drinking habits as they told stories about him.

[redacted] could not comment on WILEY's sleep patterns over [redacted] WILEY spent a lot of late evenings at the lab and he often worked overnight at the lab.

WILEY's only medical issue was seizures. His mother took him to a psychiatrist for the seizures when he was an adolescent in the 1950's, and WILEY refused to go back. He never dealt with the seizures, which often came at night and increased with the intake of alcohol. WILEY would scream and attempt to flee when he had a seizure. WILEY was never hospitalized or prescribed any medication when [redacted] nor did he suffer from any major injuries.

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WILEY got along well with colleagues, superiors and subordinates. He was very generous, kind, and he treated everyone as an equal. He had no patience for stupidity.

WILEY initially planned on going to medical school, but he changed his mind after working as an aid in a hospital in NJ. He worked small jobs in the Summer when he was a student, but all of his adult career has been spent at Harvard University. WILEY was never in the military.

[redacted] WILEY's hobbies and interests included science, traveling, exploring and camping. WILEY never belonged to any groups or organizations. [redacted] was not aware of WILEY embracing a structured belief system that influenced his behavior. If he did, she believed it would be scientific.

WILEY had friends wherever he went. Most of them were similar to WILEY himself. WILEY did not own a car, although he had good driving habits. Financially, WILEY was in good shape and he had plenty of money and stocks.

[redacted]

[redacted] WILEY's relationships with [redacted] [redacted] his children from his marriage to [redacted] were not very good. The relationships improved a lot more as he matured. WILEY and [redacted] WILEY talked about his children from both marriages.

Interesting conversations and new and different things made WILEY happy. Bigots and close minded people made WILEY angry, although WILEY displayed his anger passively. WILEY's strengths included his curiosity, focus, determination and compassion. WILEY's weakness was the fact that he was emotionally closed. Scientific research, family, honesty and integrity are truly important to WILEY. WILEY reacts to the loss of loved ones compassionately and stoically.

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WILEY was not prejudiced, but rather, very open. Nothing seemed to shake his self confidence. [redacted] was not aware of any days or anniversaries that were significant to WILEY. WILEY did not have a negative attitude towards law enforcement or other authority figures. WILEY's moods were very consistent.

WILEY was not a good target for terrorists, because he just did basic research. Also, there was no political situation to motivate him.

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[redacted] home telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed via telephone. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agent and that the purpose of the interview was to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation by answering questions regarding DON WILEY, Harvard University Professor, who fell to his death from the Hernando-DeSoto Bridge into the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tennessee (TN) on November 16, 2001, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] a resident of [redacted] in Memphis, TN for the last twelve years. [redacted] is currently the [redacted] relationship with WILEY was [redacted] professional and his interaction with WILEY over the last twelve years was limited to their attendance [redacted] attended a meeting with WILEY the morning of November 15, 2001 and he described WILEY as focused, professional, attentive and in a fine mood. [redacted] did not engage in any conversation with WILEY at the meeting.

[redacted] attended [redacted] cocktail hour and banquet at the Peabody Hotel that evening with approximately 150 other people. WILEY was also in attendance, although [redacted] did not observe him during the dinner or cocktail hour and [redacted] did not know who WILEY sat with at the dinner. Dinner ended at 10:00PM and some of the group flowed into the Peabody Hotel Lobby Lounge, which [redacted] described as being like one large living room. [redacted] was located at one section of the Peabody "living room" with [redacted] (Phonetic) and his wife; [redacted] and his wife; [redacted] and WILEY. [redacted] sat at the end of the sofa with [redacted] and WILEY, and talked to WILEY on a personal level for the first time in their relationship. [redacted] was more interested and comfortable in talking with [redacted] because [redacted] knew him on a personal level. It was a coincidence that [redacted] talked to WILEY because of WILEY's relationship with [redacted]

The group spent one to one and a half hours talking in the bar. Everyone was drinking casually and although [redacted] could

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[redacted] confided in many people. WILEY would probably turn to [redacted] for advice.

[redacted] Although WILEY had never made suicidal statements, there were times when he worried about getting older and not being successful. WILEY knew someone who had committed suicide, identity unknown, and had told [redacted] that he would consider suicide if his health got bad.

[redacted] believed WILEY died one of two ways. He may have had too much to drink, had an accident on the bridge, exited the vehicle to observe the damage, and fell over. However, [redacted] thought this was unlikely. Or, WILEY consumed alcohol, had a seizure while he was on the bridge, exited the vehicle, became disoriented and fell over. [redacted] was angry about WILEY's death because she felt that it was either alcohol or seizure related and WILEY could have prevented it. Instead, he chose not to address those issues in his life. It was uncharacteristic for WILEY to drink and drive, and he was a safe driver.

[redacted] suggested investigators talk to [redacted] WILEY's closest friend over the last twenty years, and [redacted] WILEY's [redacted]

WILEY was born in Ohio and was raised in Westfield, New Jersey (NJ) and New Providence, NJ prior to leaving for college. The WILEY family moved to Delaware when WILEY attended Tufts University. WILEY's parents finally settled in Memphis, TN. WILEY was considered the "star" of the family, and he was the oldest of four children, all of whom are very different. [redacted] could only comment on the frequency of WILEY family contact twenty years ago, and could not comment on any recent contacts. [redacted]
[redacted] age [redacted] resides in [redacted]

WILEY was close to his parents. The WILEY parents remained married until Mrs. WILEY died one year ago at age 84 from complications from a hernia operation. Mrs. WILEY worked part time jobs when the kids were growing up. Mr. WILEY had a Master's